

REMARKS

Claims 2 to 5, 7 to 13, 15 to 37, and 61 to 70 remain for consideration on the merits. Claims 61-70 were indicated as being allowable.

Claims 2 to 5, 7 to 13, and 15 to 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In the previous response (responding to a 112 rejection), Applicant had deleted the term "isocyanate terminated" before "polyurethane prepolymers" in line 2 of claim 3. The Examiner saw this amendment as expanding the claims beyond the original description in the specification as the specification is alleged not to provide basis for prepolymers other than isocyanate terminated prepolymers. Applicant had deleted "isocyanate terminated" because the Examiner in the Office Action of July 24, 2008 objected to the language of claim 3 because the Examiner thought it was inconsistent to call the first prepolymer isocyanate terminated when it was actually a blocked isocyanate terminated prepolymer.

Claims 2 to 5, 7 to 13, and 15 to 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Apparently, it is unclear where "the unreacted isocyanate groups" of "element b)" of claim 3 would originate as there is no antecedent basis for "the unreacted isocyanate groups". The same problem exists with element d) of claim 3 after the previous amendment.

Accordingly, Applicant has now amended claim 3 to specify in item a) that a first "isocyanate terminated" prepolymer is prepared and then in step b) that prepolymer has its isocyanate groups blocked with an isocyanate blocking agent. Similarly, at least the second prepolymer is "isocyanate terminated" in step c) and the isocyanate groups therein are potentially blocked in step d). This amendment makes claim 3 almost identical to claim 61 (which has not been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 (first or second paragraph)); except claim 61 is for forming the prepolymer composition where claim 3 is for forming a dispersion of the prepolymer composition. Should the Examiner feel that additional antecedent basis is needed for "the unreacted isocyanate groups" in claim 3, elements b) and d), Applicant would be willing to insert after first isocyanate terminated prepolymer and after second isocyanate terminated prepolymer the language "having unreacted

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isocyanate groups". Applicant offers this even though claim 61, which has not been objected to under 35 U.S.C. §112 first or second paragraph does not have this additional language.

Accordingly, it is believed the claims have been amended to place them in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance with respect to claims 2 to 5, 7 to 13, 15 to 37, 61, 62, and 63 to 70 is earnestly solicited.

If any minor issues remain that can be resolved via a telephonic conference, please feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number noted below.

Enclosures: Interview Summary

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